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FIRE CREW'S WALK GIVES OLIVER A HELPING HAND



• Tadley Fire Station watch manager Sally Gould (left) and co-organiser Gary Blackman (right) with the Witcomb family

A TEAM of Tadley firefighters walked for 18 hours straight to help improve the life of a little boy from the town with a rare brain condition over the weekend.

Six-year-old Oliver Witcomb suffers from Lissencephaly, or smooth brain, which has led to him having the developmental age of a three- to six-month-old baby.

His condition also prevents him from being able to sit or stand without help; meaning his parents have to carry him around a lot of the time – something that has led to mum Louise developing a bad back.

But a team led by Tadley Fire Station watch manager Sally Gould did their best to take some of the weight off Louise and dad Darren's shoulders on Saturday as they completed a 55-mile trek to each of Hampshire's 10 stations, all while

By **Christian Wilson**

carrying a 30kg dummy on a stretcher.

Most children diagnosed with the degenerative condition sadly don't make it past the age of 10, although all the money raised from the walk will go towards altering the Witcomb family home to Oliver's needs for years to come.

Louise said: "He is gorgeous and courageous in everything he goes through and he has a beautiful character."

"So far any fundraising has been done by family members or close friends of the family."

"Sally and the Tadley crew are the first people who have no connection to us directly who offered to help."

"It shows how amazing our local fire service is, saving and helping lives in any way they can."

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Concern for women over MP shake-up

BASINGSTOKE'S MP has launched a new inquiry to ensure that the proportion of female MPs in parliament does not drop as part of the UK's upcoming boundary changes.

The number of constituencies is due to be reduced from 650 to 600 in time for a general election in 2020 as part of plans to cut the cost of politics after the expenses scandal.

Of the seats currently occupied in the House of Commons, 70 per cent, or 458, are held by men, compared to the 192 female MPs voted in by members of the public.

And after seeing Theresa May become just Britain's second ever female Prime Minister last month, Maria Miller has called for the country's parliament to show "proper diversity" by increasing the number of women in politics, not reducing it.

She said: "Nearly 100 years on since the first female MP took their seat in the House of Commons we have seen just 451 female MPs elected."

"There are more men in the House of Commons now than the total number of women MPs that

By **Christian Wilson**

have ever been elected.

"We need to see proper diversity in public life, and an important part of this is making sure the House of Commons is representative of the nation at large."

The women and equalities commission began its inquiry on Monday to ensure the redrawing of the country's political map doesn't disadvantage women.

A number of constituencies will be merged together in order to allow for the change, with chairman of the commission Mrs Miller raising her concerns that female representation could drop if steps aren't taken to safeguard certain positions.

In fact, one of the ideas floated by the commission revolves around female MPs being prioritised above their male counterparts in order to prevent this from occurring.

Mrs Miller said: "Encouraging women into politics is an important first step but much more could and should be done to improve the retention of women MPs."

"If the number of seats in

the house is reduced we need to ensure that it is not at the expense of a representative, modern parliament."

Speaking to the Guardian, she added: "The threats are clear: that many of the women who are in parliament are more likely to be in marginal seats; they tend to have shorter ten-

ure; and the evidence from workplaces in general suggests they tend to be not as successful at negotiating."

"In my party, I don't just want to see Theresa May as prime minister with more women on the frontbench, but even more female representation on our backbenches too."



• Basingstoke MP Maria Miller believes female MPs should be prioritised when deciding who will be affected by the change



• John Wooldridge (left) receives the parts from Lee Scott

Chineham dad John given car parts to get back on the road

A CHINEHAM motorist has been handed £1,000 worth of free car parts to help him get his much-needed family car back on the road.

Dad-of-two John Wooldridge was handed the prize from GSF Car Parts in order to keep his Renault Megane Scenic on the road.

The move will allow him to take his children, who suffer from

autism and ADHD respectively, to all of their hospital appointments.

John said: "Having two disabled children makes it very difficult to afford repairs on our family car."

"Now, the money I have been saving to get the repair work done can go towards a day out for my kids."

Tail and fog lights, a gearbox

mount, oil filter and engine oil were all included as part of the giveaway from GSF's Southampton branch.

GSF Southampton manager Lee Scott said: "On behalf of the Southampton branch, I'd like to congratulate each of the deserving winners."

"It's been a pleasure to help get their much-needed cars back in working order again."

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Keeping safe

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: The borough council has urged residents to keep themselves safe and help others feel safe as part of a new campaign.

A number of members of the public have informed the authority's community safety patrol officers that they occasionally feel unsafe within the community during the summer, particularly during the school holiday period.

The council has been working with young people to ensure that the combination of more free time, warmer weather and lighter evenings do not lead to an increase in anti-social behaviour.

And officers will now work alongside other agencies, such as the police and fire service, to offer information and guidance to young people about antisocial behaviour and personal safety, as part of the campaign running until September.

Council cabinet member for communities and community safety, Simon Bound, said: "Our community safety patrollers want young people to enjoy their summer holidays, keep themselves safe and be respectful of others, and this summer antisocial campaign will help them to do this."

Road repairs

HAMPSHIRE: The county council is to spend an extra £1.8million over the rest of the summer on improving the roads across Hampshire.

A range of improvements, including footway repairs, gully and sign cleaning, renewing road markings and clearing vegetation will be made.

Hampshire County Council's highways team is able to make the changes thanks to the extra money generated from recent savings accrued by the authority.

Executive member for environment and transport, Rob Humby, said: "I'm pleased to see this extra funding is being put to good use right away."

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West Berks shuts door to borough's tip users

RESIDENTS from Basingstoke and Deane will be blocked from using Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC) in West Berkshire from next month.

Anyone wanting to dispose of rubbish at the HWRC's in Padworth and Newbury will have to show a waste permit as of September 26 as part of a new scheme introduced by the district's council.

The passes will only be sent to West Berkshire residents, in a bid to stop people from across the county border using the centres, after Hampshire County Council stopped paying a £200,000 annual contribution.

Hampshire residents currently account for around 40 per cent of the waste taken to Padworth and 20 per cent of the waste taken to

By **Christian Wilson**

Newbury, with the centres popular with those just inside the Basingstoke and Deane boundary.

Last week's announcement means some residents will now have to travel further to Basingstoke's HWRC in Wade Road, although the county council insisted they were "examining potential transitional arrangements" for those affected.

Executive member for environment and transport, Rob Humby, said: "As waste disposal authorities, we are working on a long-term, sustainable solution for residents in this area, and looking for a practical way in which residents can continue to use the HWRC site most local to them."

"In the interim, we are examining potential transitional

arrangements for Hampshire residents ahead of the West Berkshire permit scheme coming into operation at the end of September.

"This will include advice and work done by our colleagues at Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council who are supporting us in exploring these options."

The move was branded as a "cross-border waste war" by the borough council last month, at a time when Hampshire elected to reduce opening times at each of its HWRCs, including Wade Road.

Another change in Hampshire will see residents from outside the county have to pay a fee when they visit one of the authority's centres from September 1 next year.

But despite the moves from

both sides of the border, West Berkshire Council's portfolio holder for communities and public protection, Marcus Franks, moved quickly to deny any kind of dispute.

He said: "They might be saying that because it makes better

headlines, but I don't think it is a waste war."

"We didn't want to bring in the permit scheme, this has arisen from the budget situation which means we're having to make large amounts of savings for this year."



• Basingstoke and Deane residents will be stopped from using the Newbury (pictured) and Padworth recycling centres next month

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50 new jobs

BASINGSTOKE: More than 50 jobs are to be created in Basingstoke over the next year, after a meal delivery service launched on Monday.

The majority of the jobs will be in delivery roles, with riders delivering restaurant meals to people's doors inside half an hour.

More than 15 restaurants have so far signed up to the service, including The Tear Bar, Gourmet Burger Kitchen, Las Iguanas, PizzaExpress and The Spicy Tadka.

Deliveroo general manager Jeremy Rawlinson said: "We're extremely excited to be launching in Basingstoke and we're looking forward to bringing some of the town's delicious dishes to customers' doors."

Battle Proms

HIGHCLERE: A total of £12,886 was raised for charity from Saturday's 16th annual Highclere Castle Battle Proms event.

Around 10,000 picnickers attended the open-air picnic concert in the grounds of Highclere Castle, with all the funds raised going to mental health charity for military veterans, Combat Stress.

Those in attendance enjoyed a Spitfire display and full orchestral show by the New English Concert Orchestra.

Firefighters walk to raise money for Oliver

• From front page

Louise added: "It is comforting to know there are genuinely good people who are willing to do this for us and Oliver."

The youngster currently shares a bedroom with brother Charlie, although his mum and dad are hoping to raise enough money to pay for Oliver to have his own room downstairs, with its own shower.

Louise and Darren have already secured a disabled facilities grant of £30,000 to help make the improvements, which also include hoisting equipment to help him be more mobile and play with his brother and sister Tallulah.

And the firefighters helped them closer to their £60,000 target on Saturday as, after starting off a Yateley Fire Sta-

tion on Saturday at 9am, they finally reached their last stop in Tadley at around 3.30am on Sunday morning after a grueling effort.

Sally said: "Oliver is a lovely little lad."

"If the money can be raised to get this work done it would be so much help to Oliver and the family in general."

"It would massively improve their quality of life."

Around £2,000 has been raised by the family so far through their Oliver's Dream campaign, while more than £4,000 has also been collected through several other events.

And mum Louise was quick to thank the Tadley public and beyond for their "overwhelming" support.

She added: "Thankful and

grateful aren't words that can describe fully how much we really do appreciate this."

"It's something we will never forget and the modifications

we are hoping for will be life-changing for Oliver and the whole family."

"All these works won't just relieve issues we have now but

will be suitable for Oliver as he grows for years to come."

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• Oliver Witcomb

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Man attacked by duo on bikes in street robbery

A MAN was assaulted and had his wallet taken during a street robbery in Basingstoke last week.

The 20-year-old victim was walking along Pack Lane on Thursday night when a bicycle rode into the back of him.

This caused him to fall forward, with two men, who had been riding bikes, punching and kicking him as he lay on the ground, causing him to sustain bruises to his forehead.

One of the men rummaged through the victim's pockets and

By Christian Wilson

stole his wallet, before they both got back on their bikes and rode away from the scene.

The attack took place sometime between 9.15pm and 9.30pm, with Hampshire Constabulary launching an investigation to help track the two people responsible.

Police have described the man who first knocked the victim to the ground during the assault as white, aged between 20 to 25-years-old, of slim build, and

around 6ft tall.

He was also understood to have had a long face with a pointed chin and blond facial stubble, while he was wearing a black hooded top with tribal writing on the front, and grey jeans, during the time of the incident.

The second attacker is also described as white, aged between 20 and 25 years old, and of slim build, although he was slightly shorter at around 5ft 10ins tall, and was wearing a light-coloured hooded top.

Both men were riding small dark-coloured BMX bikes at the time and had local accents, with the first man having a deeper voice than the second.

PC Dave Mills, of Basingstoke CID, has appealed for anyone who saw the incident to come forward, adding: "Did you see what happened?"

"Do you remember seeing two men on BMX bikes in this area at the time?"

Anyone with any information is asked to contact PC Mills on the non-emergency number 101, quoting 44160291789.

Alternatively, call charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

A 20-year-old man had his wallet taken during a violent street robbery on Pack Lane on Thursday night (picture by Scriniary)



Apprenticeship chance for youngsters



YOUNGSTERS from across the borough who don't do as well as they were hoping in their GCSEs are to be offered a safety net by Hampshire County Council.

The authority has launched a trainee scheme to support those who would like to continue their learning journey in a different work environment - whatever their grades.

Youngsters can apply for a place on a traineeship organised by the council until August 29, four days after students from across the county pick up their GCSE results.

Those who have Maths and English grades of E or below

are able to take the 'First Traineeship' option, which includes work experience opportunities and help with employability skills, such as CV writing and interview presentation.

And those with grades of D or above can take the 'Traineeship Plus' option, which includes a high quality work placement for 20 weeks, with business administration and health and social care among the routes available.

The courses both begin on September 12, with anyone aged between 16 and 24 years old able to apply by email at hyip@hants.gov.uk, or by calling 01962 846193.

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Have your say

HAMPSHIRE: Residents countywide are being asked to tell Hampshire's police and crime commissioner (PCC) ways they think crime can be tackled in their community.

Michael Lane has this week launched a public consultation to help shape his forthcoming Police and Crime Plan, which gives direction for policing and targeting crime.

The public have until September 14 to take part in the online survey, which will help the PCC understand residents' perceptions of crime and what issues concern them most.

Take the survey at hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/survey.

Scam warning

CLIDDESSEN: Police have warned residents from the Cliddesden area of a possible scam involving three men seen selling cheap jewellery at high prices.

The suspects were spotted on the B3064, near Cliddesden, at around 1pm on Monday, standing next to a blue Honda they claimed had ran out of fuel.

The men, who are described as being of Asian appearance, and were smartly dressed, are understood to have been asking other motorists for money, and attempting to sell jewellery as part exchange.

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Basingstoke families enjoy Play Day fun

RESIDENTS flocked to Eastrop Park in their thousands last week to enjoy a range of fun activities as part of National Play Day.

Records were broken on Wednesday as over 10,000 adults and children joined in the fun at the town centre park – the highest attendance ever recorded for National Play Day in Basingstoke and Deane.

Youngsters enjoyed dozens of activities, including bouncy castles, circus skills, farmyard animals, sports and dance, while also watching a range of different performances.

The free event was organised by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council to mark National Play Day, which aims to highlight the importance of play in children's lives and encourage learning while having fun outdoors.

Council member for communities and community safety, Simon Bound, said: "I am delighted so many families came along to join in the free fun.

"With the school summer holidays being so long, many parents often can't find activities for their children without breaking the bank.

"Play Day had a wealth of free activities that weren't just fun, but were also educational and could inspire ideas for activities throughout the summer."

Plea for more police arming after stabbing

THE number of police officers armed with guns and Tasers should be increased nationwide to aid the fight against future terror attacks.

That's the view of the chairman of Hampshire's Police Federation following a mass stabbing in London's Russell Square that left one woman dead and five others injured.

Metropolitan Police officials originally refused to rule out terrorism as a possible motive for last Wednesday night's attack, although the force has since said it was more likely that the attack had been as a result of mental health issues.

The atrocity came just hours after the first heavily armed specialist police officers were unveiled in the capital as part of a £143million move from the Home Office to prevent terrorist attacks.

In total 1,500 Counter Terrorism Specialist Firearms Officers will be deployed across the country over the next two years, including in Hampshire – a number federation chairman John Apter believes should be increased.

He said: "We're playing catch-up because we're not increas-

By **Christian Wilson**

ing police numbers by much by doing this, as we've lost 1,400 officers over the last few years.

"I think there should be a considerably greater increase in firearm officers, although I don't believe in routine arming. "It's a sad statement, because I didn't start doing this job to become armed."

Each of the new heavily armed officers are equipped with SIG Carbine rifles, handguns, ballistic shields and motorbikes, so as to be able to rapidly respond to serious incidents.

They are also armed with Tasers, with police using the non-lethal weapon to bring down and arrest Russell Square suspect Zakaria Bulhan.

Mr Apter has long been an advocate of using Tasers, which are currently used by 400 Hampshire Constabulary officers and were drawn 226 times and shot 34 times to incapacitate suspects in Hampshire over the last year.

And he reiterated his desire for the equipment to be rolled out to all officers, both in Hampshire and nationwide.

"You can't have specially trained police officers in every

street, which is why we need more officers to be equipped with Tasers," said Mr Apter.

"Time and time again it proves itself as the best option, as was shown in London, whereas in other places in the world, lethal force would probably have been used against that individual.

"But even Tasers won't protect against terrorist attackers, who have bombs and are armed

with automatic weapons, which is why we also need more firearms officers.

"My concern is that when, not if, terrorist atrocities hit this country, we will then have politicians shouting from the rooftops that we need more officers and more equipment.

"But we need more and must have more before something happens, not afterwards."



• The first of 1,500-armed counter-terrorism police to be rolled out nationwide hit the streets of London last week

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Help needed

BASINGSTOKE: A national charity is looking for volunteers to help provide support for people in Basingstoke who have been bereaved.

Cruse Bereavement Care's North Hampshire branch is to hold seven weekly sessions where people can receive support while grieving.

The sessions will begin on September 10 and will run each Saturday until December 3 at the Holiday Inn Hotel in Grove Road, with volunteers providing one-on-one support.

Anyone wishing to take the course can apply now by calling 01264 335569.

Lottery results

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: St Michael's Hospice has announced the winners of its latest lottery draw from Friday, August 5.

First prize of £1,000 goes to ticket 10386 of Basingstoke, while ticket 15346 of Basingstoke claims second prize of £100.

Third prize of £50 goes to Newbury ticket 71356, and Basingstoke ticket 47407 gets fourth prize of £20.

Prizes of £5 go to ticket numbers 47262, 53583, 84983, 77422, 17967, 28042, 19734, 28518, 37992, 32418, 12845, 01248, 77512, 50592, 62605 and 70316.



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Dad Martin in plea for parental equality

A BASINGSTOKE dad has expressed his concerns that not enough is being done to help support male parents in the same way as new mums.

Martin Lee feels that men are often "overlooked" because of their gender when it comes to helping them deal with expecting a baby, becoming a dad, or even losing a child.

The 29-year-old became a father for the second time five weeks ago when wife Ashley

By **Christian Wilson**

gave birth to son Harry, two years after Oliver was brought into the world.

Tragically the pair also lost a child to a miscarriage before their firstborn's arrival, with Martin admitting that he "felt alone" as he tried to come to terms with the aftermath, while supporting his partner.

"Dads are often forgotten about," he said.

"As a male, you're expected to get on with it and man up.

"I was trying to be there for my wife, but there was no one there to pat my back when I needed it."

Fast-forward to happier times in 2016 and Martin is now anxious to make sure that other fathers aren't left to deal with similar trauma alone, by co-ordinating a group for dads from the area to offer advice to one another.

A North Hampshire branch of online support group The Dad Network Local has now been set up to allow dads that want to have a more hands on role in their children's upbringing to chat about parenthood.

Martin is leading the local group, and is planning to set up monthly meetings for members to meet up with other dads at different parts of the area from next September.

There are currently 10 groups across the country, with Martin expressing his hope that the project will help change the public's attitude.

He said: "Even before becoming a parent, I always knew dads were overlooked but lots of dads keep quiet about it because they don't want to cause a fuss.

"We're a bit of a backwards society because we want to encourage positive roles for fathers, but it isn't easy to do that because of prejudice.

"I share childcare 50/50 with my wife, which is the future.

"There is no support for dads at the moment but it really helps when you see that other dads are going through the same things."

Martin was encouraged to become involved with The Dad Network Local after seeing a campaign from founder Al Ferguson to get more public male baby changing facilities.

Al said: "I think dads talking openly is so needed and the conversations that come out of the groups are so profound.

"Dads can ask what they can do to help when, for example, their partners are having trouble breastfeeding their baby and 30 or 40 people will share what they've been through.

"It says so much that dads need the support and are willing to give others support."

To join the online North Hampshire group, visit facebook.com/groups/TheDadNetworkNorthHampshire/?ref=group_browse_new.



• Martin Lee with two-year-old son Oliver

Cancer charity to bag extra funding



RESIDENTS from across the borough can now give a boost to a Basingstoke charity's fundraising campaign by recycling their clothes and shoes.

This is after Ark Cancer Centre Charity announced a partnership with one of the UK's leading clothing and textile recycling companies Bag It Up (BIU).

The three-year partnership began last Monday and will see the charity benefit from a percentage of the proceeds when the public recycle unwanted garments in one of BIU's big yellow bins.

Residents will be able to find the bins bearing the Ark symbol at more than 50 different locations across the borough, with the charity hoping the move will

help them reach their £5million target to build a cancer treatment centre.

Director of fundraising Mark Jones said: "We are delighted that BIU has chosen Ark Cancer Centre Charity as one of its charity partners in Hampshire over the next three years.

"The partnership will be a real boost to the ongoing campaign to raise awareness of the charity and cancer treatment centre project, and it will also result in a welcome income stream which will contribute towards the creation of the much-needed unique local cancer centre."

For a list of the location of each of the BIU recycling banks, visit biugroup.co.uk/charity/partners/ark-cancer-centre-charity.

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Medical link up

HAMPSHIRE: South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS) could merge with South East Coast Ambulance Service (SECAMB) in the future after it was confirmed that both are "collaboratively working" with one another.

The move will see SCAS, which covers the whole of Hampshire, and SECAMB, which covers the area from Kent to East Sussex, work closer together to share improvements.

Despite this, no official merger has yet been confirmed, while full accountability for all decisions relating to their areas will remain with the two separate boards of the trusts.

Tech events

BASINGSTOKE: University business incubator SETSquared has announced a number of events to take place at its Basingstoke hub over the coming weeks.

A total of 13 high-tech and high-growth potential start-up companies currently work at SETSquared's hub in Basing View, where they are provided with support and mentoring as they develop their business plans.

The business incubator will run its Entrepreneurship Training Programme in Basingstoke from September 19 to September 21.

Care home told to make further improvements

A TOWN centre care home has been told that it "requires improvement" by health and social care inspectors.

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) visited Oakridge House Care Home, in Jefferson Road, in May, with its latest report handing the centre the second worst overall rating available.

Inspectors also handed Oakridge House the poor grade following their previous inspection in December 2014, after identifying problems over safety and responsiveness.

But while confirming that the safety concerns had been "appropriately addressed" since the previous visit, the CQC has now highlighted the need to improve the effectiveness of the service.

The report said: "At this inspection we found improvements had been made and all the areas [previously] identified had been appropriately addressed.

"The provider had made the required improvements to address the original concerns; however at this inspection we identified some other improvements were required."

These included insufficient

By Christian Wilson

hours for activities and the need for more personalised interaction with residents.

Oakridge House provides care across three different units on the outskirts of Basingstoke town centre for 91 people who suffer from dementia, epilepsy and diabetes, and who are receiving end of life care.

Hampshire County Council, which runs the care home, has promised to make necessary changes to improve.

A spokesperson said: "We take CQC inspection findings very seriously and we are always looking for ways to further improve and extend the offer of activities to people living in our homes.

"Work is always ongoing to improve meal times, ensuring they are a pleasurable experience for all residents and that meals are served promptly to all those living in the home."

The spokesperson added: "The inspection findings, and steps that are being taken to ensure improvements continue to be made, will be shared with the residents' families and carers."

Hampshire saluted for forces support

HAMPSHIRE County Council has been handed a Gold Award from the Ministry of Defence (MOD) for its work with the Armed Forces.

The authority was one of the first local authorities in the country to sign the Armed Forces Covenant in 2011 – a document that sets out the obligation the Government and

Armed Forces community have to one another.

Around 60,000 veterans, 20,000 serving personnel, 1,200 reservists and 4,000 civilians employed by the MOD are currently based in Hampshire, including the Royal Air Force (RAF) base in Odiham.

Armed Forces Champion at the council, Andrew Joy, said:


"We are honoured to receive this award which highlights our ongoing commitment to the Armed Forces communities.

"This is particularly true of reservists at the county council who are entitled to two weeks additional paid leave for training and other duties.

"We'll continue to do as much as we can to support all of them."




• (Front centre, from left) Council chief executive John Coughlan, Cllr Roy Perry and Cllr Andrew Joy, with ex service personnel and reservists



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Burglary advice

HAMPSHIRE: Police have issued residents with a list of tips after a Basingstoke house was broken into last week.

The town centre home in Lower Brook Street was burgled last Tuesday.

Officers have advised homeowners to ensure side gates, windows and doors are locked when they are not in, to keep keys out of reach from the letterbox, and store any high-value items in a safe.

Timber taken

UPTON GREY: Landowners discovered that timber valued at around £5,000 had been stolen last week.

More than 8,000 metres of planks used for roofing were taken from Hoddington House compound, near Upton Grey, at some point between Friday, July 29 and last Monday.

Flower power

BASINGSTOKE: A special event took place at both Basingstoke and Alton's train stations on Friday, July 29 to commemorate the closure of the 'light railway' between the two towns 100 years ago.

Pots of flowers were delivered to station visitors, including Basingstoke and Deane's mayor Jane Frankum, on a First World War lorry.

Controversial Worting plans back with council

A FINAL decision on a long-standing and highly disputed application to build houses in a Basingstoke village was due to be made last night as the Observer went to press.

Different proposals to develop land at Worting Farm, in Worting, have been in and out of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council a number of times over the past six years.

The current plans from Redrow Homes are for 70 new homes on the site, including 28 deemed as "affordable" in a near identical proposal to the one that was granted permission on appeal by a planning inspector last January.

That successful application from a different developer came about after the borough council's development control committee elected to reject the housing bid because of concerns raised by residents.

Among them was current Bucksdown councillor Nigel Pierce, who, while voicing his surprise at Redrow's decision to seek full planning permission again, insisted that his "position hasn't changed".

"We're gobbling up enough green land in the area as it is," said Cllr Pierce.

By Christian Wilson

"At Manydown, 3,400 homes are being built, so why do we need 50-odd here?"

"There's not a need for it, it's overdevelopment, and it's unnecessary."

Worting residents have sent in 20 letters of objection to the latest proposal, with one labelling the idea as "madness".

Of the 28 affordable dwellings, there would be four one-bed flats, four two-bed flats, two two-bed bungalows, eight two-bed

terraced houses, seven three-bed terraced houses, two four-bed semi detached houses and one four-bed terraced house.

A total of 134 new homes were originally planned for the site, but were rejected by the council in 2010 over concerns that this would negatively impact the Worting Conservation Area.

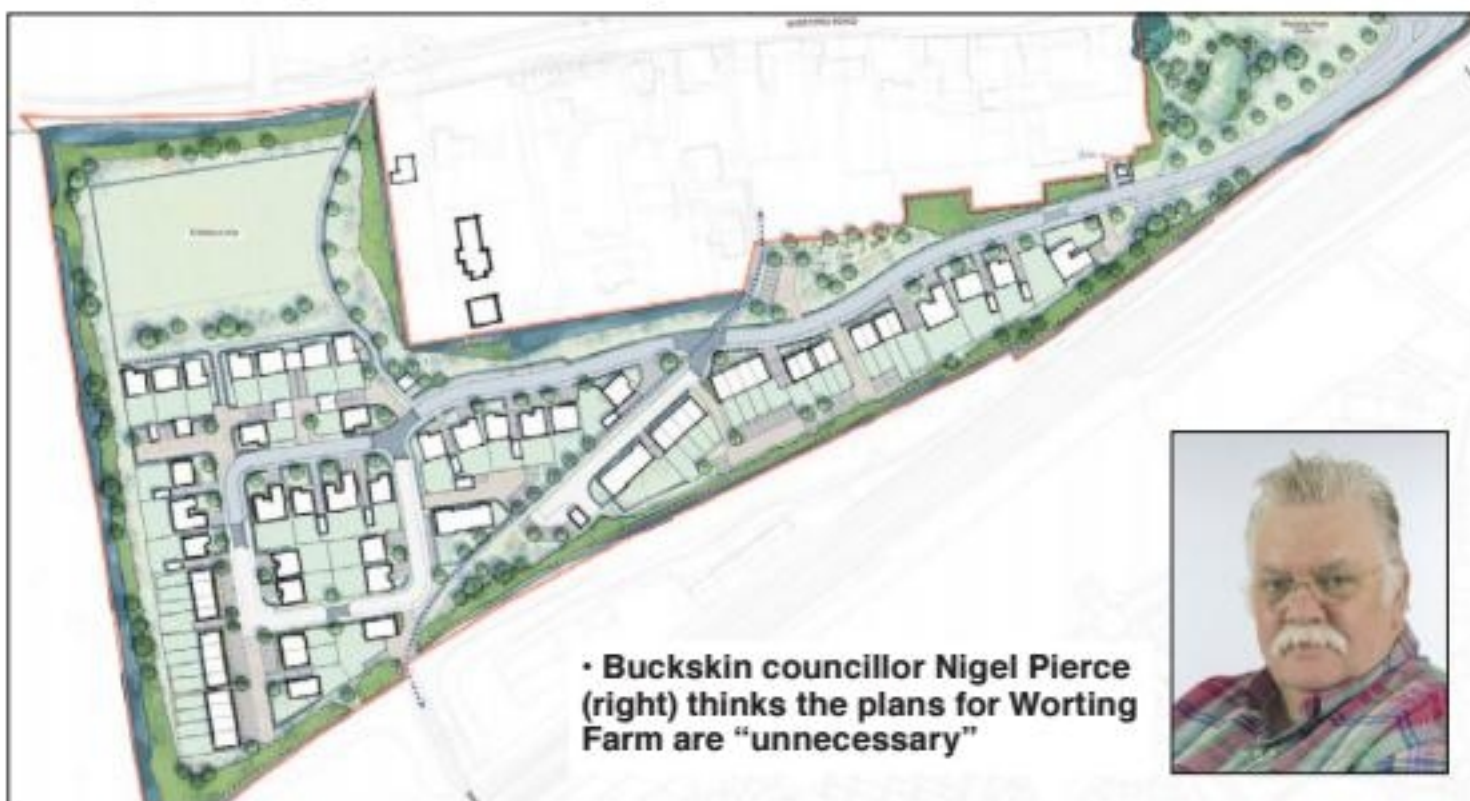
But the recent proposal has been recommended for approval by council officer Patricia Logie, who said: "The proposal would represent a sustainable form of development located within

the Settlement Policy Boundary and which benefits already from approval for 70 dwellings.

"It would deliver a contribution towards the local supply of housing without prejudice to the wider development of the borough.

"And the proposed development would cause less than substantial harm to the setting of the Worting Conservation Area when balanced with the benefits of the scheme."

For a full report of last night's meeting, go to basingstokeobserver.co.uk.



• Bucksdown councillor Nigel Pierce (right) thinks the plans for Worting Farm are "unnecessary"



Residents to be picked for police panel

MEMBERS of the public are being urged to help improve policing in their areas by applying to serve on the Hampshire Police and Crime Panel (PCP).

The panel plays a major role scrutinising and supporting the work of Hampshire's police and crime commissioner (PCC).

Although it is mostly made up of 15 councillors, with one coming from each district and borough council in the county, residents take up a few positions.

And the PCP is now looking to recruit two co-opted independent members to help in regulating crime for the whole of Hampshire from October for the next four years.

PCP chairman David Stewart said: "The role of a panel member is an important and demanding one, and we are seeking committed and enthusiastic residents to serve."

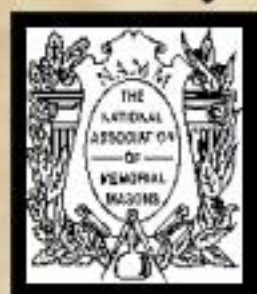
"The panel wishes to reflect the breadth of communities across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and it would welcome applications from anyone."

PCC's must consult the PCP on their plans, budget for policing, the level of council tax, and the appointment of a new Chief Constable, before any decision can be made.

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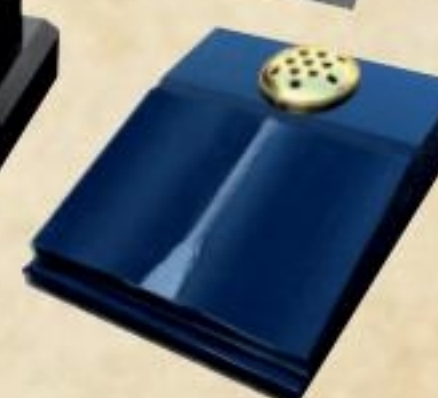
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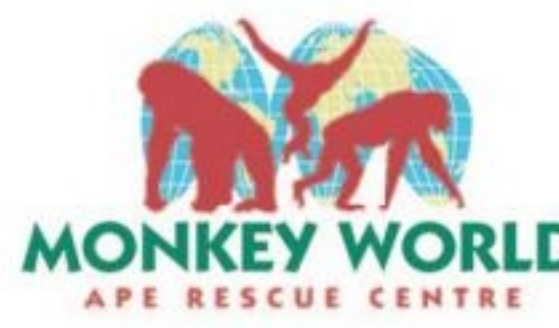


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7.00 Olympics 2016 Clare Balding introduces the latest coverage on day eight of the Olympic Games, with the focus solely on the Rio Olympic Velodrome for various track cycling events. (S)

10.10 BBC News; Weather (S) **10.30 Match of the Day** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the opening Premier League matches; (S) National Lottery Update (S)

11.55 Olympics 2016 Jason Mohammad presents further coverage on day eight of the Olympics. (S)

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BBC2

Versailles, 11.55pm



6.10 FILM Two Tickets to Broadway (1951) (U) (S) **7.50 FILM The 39 Steps** (1935) (U) (S) **9.15 Olympics: Rio Highlights 2016** (S) **12.45 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **1.45 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **2.45 Escape to the Country** A couple search for their first house in Worcestershire. (S)(R) **3.30 Gardeners' World** (S)(R) **4.00 Final Score** Round-up of football results. (S) **5.15 Full Steam Ahead** Reliving the golden age of steam railways. (S)(R) **6.15 Dad's Army** (S)(R) **6.50 Proms Extra 2016** Katie Derham presents live from the Royal Albert Hall ahead of tonight's Gershwin Gala. (S)

7.30 BBC Proms 2016 Katie Derham presents from the Royal Albert Hall as conductor John Wilson and his orchestra revisit some of American songwriting duo George and Ira Gershwin's most memorable tunes. (S)

9.30 Edinburgh Nights New series. Kirsty Wark introduces highlights from the city's annual arts and cultural festivals. (S)

10.00 The National Lottery Live Including the Lotto and Thunderball draws. (S) **10.10 Olympics 2016** Clare Balding presents coverage of the eighth day of competition at the Olympic Games. (S)

11.55 Versailles The traitor changes tactics and strikes at those closest to Louis. Last in the series; (S)(R) Inside Versailles. (S) (R)

12.55 FILM The Kid with a Bike (2011) (12) Drama, starring Thomas Doret and Cecile De France. **2.20 FILM Treacle Jr** (2010) (15) Drama, starring Aidan Gillen and Tom Fisher. (S) **3.35 This Is BBC Two** (S)

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The Nation's Favourite 80s Number One, 8pm



6.00 CITV **8.25 ITV News** (S) **8.30 Weekend** (S) **9.25 Murder, She Wrote** (S)(R) **11.25 FILM Columbo: Forgotten Lady** (1975) (PG) (S) **1.25 ITV News; Weather** (S) **1.30 Wild Animal Reunions** (S)(R) **2.30 Doc Martin** Mark's stag night ends in disaster. (S)(R) **3.30 River Monsters** A fish is suspected of killing a honeymooning bride in Colombia. (S)(R) **4.00 FILM The Mummy** (1999) (12) Fantasy action adventure, starring Brendan Fraser. (S) **6.15 ITV Regional News; Weather** (S) **6.30 ITV News** (S) **6.45 You've Been Framed!** Comical clips, narrated by Harry Hill. (S)

7.15 Catchphrase Guessing game, hosted by Stephen Mulhern. (S)

8.00 The Nation's Favourite 80s Number One Looking at the 1980s - a defining decade in both pop and fashion. Features interviews with 80s icons such as Spandau Ballet and Madness. Zoe Ball narrates. (S)(R)

9.30 FILM The Bourne Identity (2002) (12) An amnesiac man pulled from the sea by the crew of a fishing boat is targeted by assassins as he tries to discover who he is. Thriller, starring Matt Damon and Franka Potente. (S)

11.00 ITV News; Weather (S) **11.15 FILM The Bourne Identity** (2002) (12) Concludes. (S)

12.00 Jackpot247 **3.00 Murder, She Wrote** (S)(R) **3.50 ITV Nightscreen**

Channel 4

Couples Come Dine with Me, 4.30pm



6.15 Shipping Wars (S)(R) **6.40 Gillette World Sport** (S) **7.05 Armory Road Races** Action from the motorcycling event in Armoyn, Co Antrim. (S) **8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **9.00 The Morning Line** Racing preview with Gina Harding. (S) **10.00 Frasier** (S)(R) **11.05 The Big Bang Theory** (S)(R) **12.30 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **2.00 Channel 4 Racing** Live coverage from Newbury, Newmarket and Ripon. (S) **4.30 Couples Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **6.00 Channel 4 News** (S) **6.20 FILM Men in Black II** (2002) (PG) Sci-fi comedy sequel, starring Will Smith. (S)

8.00 FILM Rise of the Planet of the Apes (2011) (12) A genetically engineered chimpanzee develops superior intelligence and leads other apes to rebel against the human race. Sci-fi thriller, starring James Franco. (S)

10.00 FILM Gladiator (2000) (15) A Roman general is forced to fight as a gladiator and uses his position to seek revenge for the murder of his family. Oscar-winning epic, with Russell Crowe and Joaquin Phoenix. (S)

12.55 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (S)(R) **1.50 Hollyoaks** (S)(R) **3.55 Kirstie's Vintage Gems** (S)(R) **4.15 Phil: Secret Agent Down Under** (S)(R) **5.10 Location, Location, Location** (S)(R)

Channel 5

Cricket on 5, 7pm



6.00 Milkshake! **8.25 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles** The team face the possibility that Leo will not make a full recovery. (S)(R) **9.00 The Saturday Show Live** With Melanie Sykes, Jake Quickenden and Louise Hazel. (S) **11.00 Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops** (S) **11.25 The Nightmare Neighbour** **Next Door** (S)(R) **2.10 Police Interceptors** (S)(R) **5.10 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away** Agents Paul and Steve face a moral dilemma in south London, when they find out the tenant they have been instructed to evict is on his way to a funeral. (S)(R) **6.55 5 News Weekend** (S)

7.00 Cricket on 5 England v Pakistan. Mark Nicholas presents action from day three of the Fourth Test in the four-match series, which took place at The Oval. (S)

8.00 Criminally Funny: Caught in the Act Zoe Lyons, Matt Richardson and Dave Spikey introduce a selection of humorous clips capturing the law being broken. (S)(R)

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce highlights from the weekend's games in the Championship. (S)

10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush Goals from the weekend's games in the Leagues One and Two. (S) **10.30 Celebrity Big Brother** Marcus Bentley narrates. (S)

11.30 Impractical Jokers UK The Jokers head to a shopping centre to describe their missing wife to the public. (S)(R)

12.00 SuperCasino **3.10 Celebrity Big Brother** (S)(R) **4.00 GPs: Behind Closed Doors** (S)(R) **4.50 Divine Designs** (S)(R) **5.15 Nick's Quest** (S)(R) **5.40 Angels of Jarm** (S)(R) **5.50 Roary the Racing Car** (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 Ashley Roberts: The Hot Desk **6.10** Emmerdale **9.15** Coronation Street **11.45** Ninja Warrior UK **12.45** Catchphrase **1.35** Funniest Ever You've Been Framed! Gold **2.35** FILM: The Smurfs (2011) (U) **3.35** FYI Daily **3.40** FILM: The Smurfs (2011) (U) **4.40** The X Factor: Top 10 Best Auditions **5.45** FILM: The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) (12) **6.45** FYI Daily **6.50** FILM: The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) (12) Concluded. **9.00** FILM: The Matrix Revolutions (2003) (15) Sci-fi sequel, starring Keanu Reeves. **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05** FILM: The Matrix Revolutions (2003) (15) Concluded. **11.25** Family Guy **12.55** American Dad! **1.55** The Cleveland Show **2.45** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen
ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 Movies Now **6.10** Judge Judy **6.30** Where the Heart Is **8.35** Heidi **10.45** Lewis **12.50** FILM: Carry On Up the Jungle (1970) (PG) **1.55** FYI Daily **2.00** FILM: Carry On Up the Jungle (1970) (PG) **2.45** Lewis **4.45**

Foyle's War **7.00** Doc Martin **8.00** Lewis **10.00** A Touch of Frost **12.05** Inspector Morse **2.10** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping
BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9
1.00 Olympics 2016. **4.00** Olympics 2016. Action from the men's football quarter-finals and sailing. **7.00** Olympics 2016. Featuring golf, basketball, tennis and diving. **10.00** Olympics 2016. Including Great Britain v USA in the women's hockey. **2.00** Britain on Film: Country Living **2.30** Sounds of the Sixties **3.00** The Joy of Disco **4.00** Close
E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28
6.00 Rude(ish) Tube **6.45** Jane the Virgin **7.35** The Mindy Project **8.30** Baby Daddy **9.30** Melissa & Joey **12.00** Made in Chelsea: South of France **1.00** New Girl **1.30** The Goldbergs **3.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **4.25** FILM: Step Up (2006) (PG) Romantic dance drama, with Channing Tatum and Jenna Dewan. **6.35** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: X-Men Origins: Wolverine (2009) (12) Superhero adventure prequel, starring

Hugh Jackman. **11.05** Gogglebox **12.10** Rude Tube **1.20** First Dates **2.20** 2 Broke Girls **3.00** Gogglebox **3.55** How I Met Your Mother **4.35** Revenge
MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14
8.55 Kirstie's Vintage Gems **9.15** Location, Location, Location **10.15** Come Dine with Me **12.55** Four in a Bed **3.40** Great Canal Journeys **6.55** Location, Location, Location **8.00** Grand Designs **9.00** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **11.05** Channel 4 Comedy Gala 2015: Best Bits **11.55** Father Ted **1.00** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **3.10** Channel 4 Comedy Gala 2015: Best Bits **3.55** Close
FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15
11.00 Bugsy Malone (1976) (U) **1.00** Inspector Gadget (1999) (U) **2.40** Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer (2011) (PG) Comedy, starring Jordana Beatty. **4.30** Mission: Impossible (1996) (PG) Action thriller, starring Tom Cruise. **6.40** Mission: Impossible 2 (2000) (15) Action thriller sequel, starring Tom Cruise. **9.00** The Sweeney (2012) (15) Crime thriller, with Ray

Winstone and Ben Drew. **11.15** Die Hard 2 (1990) (18) Action thriller sequel, starring Bruce Willis. **1.35** 12 Rounds (2009) (15) **3.50** Close
DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12
7.00 The Indestructibles **7.20** Sin City Motors **8.10** Top Gear **9.00** Storage Hunters **10.00** Storage Hunters UK **11.00** Top Gear **4.00** Storage Hunters UK **4.30** Storage Hunters **5.00** Storage Hunters UK **5.30** Storage Hunters **6.00** Storage Hunters UK **6.30** Storage Hunters **7.00** Dynamo: Magician Impossible **8.00** Qi XL **9.00** Gavin & Stacey **11.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **12.00** Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled **1.00** Dynamo: Magician Impossible **2.00** Qi XL **2.50** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **4.00** Close
SKY1 SKY: 106
6.00 The Dog Whisperer **7.00** Ashley Banjo's Secret Street Crew **9.00** The Fantasy Football Club **10.00** Soccer AM **11.30** What's Up **12.00** Guitar Star **1.00** Futurama **4.00** Big Cats: An Amazing Animal Family **6.00** Modern Family **9.00** FILM: Gone in 60 Seconds

(2000) (15) Thriller, starring Nicolas Cage. **11.15** A League of Their Own **12.15** Karl Pilkington: The Moaning of Life **1.15** The Last Ship **2.10** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00** Border Security: Canada's Front Line **5.00** Motorway Patrol
SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108
6.00 The Guest Wing **7.00** Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer **8.00** Cold Case **11.00** David Attenborough's Conquest of the Skies **12.00** Blue Bloods **5.00** Without a Trace **9.00** Game of Thrones **11.20** Last Week Tonight with John Oliver **11.55** Dice **1.00** The Jinx: The Life and Deaths of Robert Durst **4.00** The Guest Wing **5.00** Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer
W SKY: 109
6.00 Dynamo: Top Ten Greatest Moments **6.10** DIY SOS: The Big Build **8.00** The Bill **1.10** EastEnders **3.40** Extreme Makeover: Home Edition **7.35** Outnumbered **9.00** Jonathan Creek **10.10** Sherlock **12.10** Traffic Cops **1.10** Atlantis **3.00** Home Shopping

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BBC1

Countryfile,
5.30pm



6.00 Olympic Breakfast 7.35 Match of the Day (S)(R) 9.00 BBC News (S) 10.00 Sunday Morning Live Topical debate covering religious, moral and ethical issues. (S) 11.00 Homes Under the Hammer (S)(R) 12.00 Bargain Hunt (S)(R) 12.45 BBC News; Weather (S) 1.00 Olympics 2016 Featuring the women's marathon and boxing highlights. (S) 5.00 BBC News (S) 5.20 BBC Regional News; Weather (S) 5.30 Countryfile Celebrating 60 years of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme. (S) 6.30 Olympics 2016 Including artistic gymnastics and track cycling coverage. (S)

BBC2

Songs of
Praise,
4.25pm



6.15 Gardeners' World (S)(R) 6.45 Countryfile (S)(R) 7.45 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites (S)(R) 9.15 Olympics: Rio Highlights 2016 (S) 1.00 FILM The Prisoner of Zenda (1952) (U) (S) 2.40 Flog It! Kate Bliss and David Fletcher visit the Wiltshire town of Warminster. (S)(R) 3.25 Highlands: Scotland's Wild Heart The summer season. (S)(R) 4.25 Songs of Praise (S) 5.00 Olympics 2016 Featuring sailing and artistic gymnastics. (S) 6.30 FILM Megamind (2010) (PG) Animated superhero comedy, with the voice of Will Ferrell. (S)

ITV

Midsomer
Murders,
8pm



6.00 CITV 8.25 ITV News (S) 8.30 Weekend (S) 9.25 Murder, She Wrote (S)(R) 11.25 FILM Columbo: Now You See Him (1976) (PG) (S) 1.15 ITV News; Weather (S) 1.25 Long Lost Family (S)(R) 2.25 The Chase Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (S)(R) 3.25 FILM Peter Pan (2003) (PG) Fantasy adventure, with Jeremy Sumpter and Rachel Hurd-Wood. (S) 5.30 Masterpiece with Alan Titchmarsh Teams compete to find the most rare and valuable items at Firls Place in Sussex. (S)(R) 6.30 ITV Regional News; Weather (S) 6.45 ITV News (S)

Channel 4

A Place in the
Sun: Winter
Sun,
5.30pm



6.05 London Triathlon (S) 7.00 Motor Sport: British GT (S) 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond (S)(R) 8.25 Frasier (S)(R) 9.30 Sunday Brunch With guests Jessica Hynes and Ricky Gervais. (S) 12.30 The Simpsons: Bart Day (S)(R) 4.30 Location, Location, Location Kirstie Allsopp helps two friends who are pooling their resources to buy a shared home in East London, while Phil Spencer assists a local woman hoping to make an investment. (S)(R) 5.30 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun Scarlett Douglas takes two retirees to view holiday homes in north Tenerife. (S)(R) 6.30 Channel 4 News (S)

Channel 5

Pulp Fiction,
10pm



6.00 Milkshake! 9.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Donnie meets Bigfoot. (S)(R) 10.30 Football on 5: The Championship Highlights from the weekend's games in the Championship. (S)(R) 11.25 Football on 5: Goal Rush (S)(R) 12.00 Now That's Funny! Featuring animals behaving badly. (S)(R) 1.00 FILM WarGames (1983) (PG) Thriller, starring Matthew Broderick. (S) 3.10 FILM The Time Machine (2002) (PG) Sci-fi adventure, starring Guy Pearce. (S) 5.00 FILM Planet of the Apes (2001) (12) Sci-fi adventure remake, starring Mark Wahlberg. (S)

7.00 The Zoo Life at London Zoo and Whipsnade, following Sumatran tiger cubs, a pygmy hippo receiving treatment for cancer and the team's breeding of its first Humboldt penguin. (S)(R)

7.00 Flying to the Ends of the Earth Arthur Williams makes a journey across Peru, passing through deserts, mountains and jungles and investigating the origin of the famous 2000-year-old Nazca lines. Last in the series. (S)

7.00 Cricket on 5 England v Pakistan. Mark Nicholas presents action from day four of the Fourth Test in the four-match series, which took place at The Oval. (S)

8.00 Midsomer Murders Mysterious lights are seen in the sky over Cooper Hill, and when a forest ranger suffers a strange death, the visiting UFO spotters are convinced aliens are responsible. (S)(R)

8.00 FILM Captain America: The First Avenger (2011) (12) Premiere. Superhero adventure, with Chris Evans and Hugo Weaving. Edited for language and violence. (S)

8.00 Monkeys Make You Laugh Out Loud Internet videos featuring monkeys. (S)
8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

8.00 Robot Wars Dara O Briain and Angela Scanlon present more battles, as a father-son duo and teams of holiday camp staff and engineering students send their creations into the arena. (S)

9.00 Dragons' Den The panel casts their eyes over plans for an innovative tool and a portable water-saving device - but a restaurateur struggles to get across his business plan. Evan Davis presents. (S)

9.00 Celebrity Big Brother The ups and downs of life in the BB house as friendships and alliances are made, battle lines are drawn and arguments erupt. (S)

10.00 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.15 Slow Train Through Africa with Griff Rhys Jones The comedian attempts to zigzag his way 1,200 miles through Kenya and Tanzania. (S)(R)

10.30 FILM Cuban Fury (2014) (15) An overweight former salsa dancer tries to regain his confidence so he can return to the dance floor to sweep his boss off her feet. Comedy, starring Nick Frost. (S)

10.00 FILM Pulp Fiction (1994) (18) A series of interlinked stories about the Los Angeles underworld. Quentin Tarantino's crime drama, starring John Travolta, Samuel L Jackson and Bruce Willis. (S)

11.15 Tipping Point Ben Shephard hosts the arcade-themed quiz show, in which contestants drop tokens down a choice of four chutes in the hope of winning a £10,000 jackpot. (S)(R)

12.15 Ramsay's Hotel Hell (S)(R) 1.05 Friday Night Dinner (S)(R) 1.35 Walking the Himalayas (S)(R) 2.30 Location, Location, Location (S)(R) 3.25 Come Dine with Me (S)(R) 3.55 Come Dine with Me (S)(R)

1.00 SuperCasino 3.10 Mascara Boys: Sex Me Up (S)(R) 4.00 House Doctor (S)(R) 4.25 House Doctor (S)(R) 4.50 Wildlife SOS (S)(R) 5.15 Wildlife SOS (S)(R) 5.40 Angels of Jarm (S)(R) 5.50 Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

12.15 Jackpot247 3.00 Motorsport UK (S) 3.50 British Superbike Championship Highlights (S) 4.40 ITV Nightscreen 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

12.55 Sign Zone: Countryfile (S)(R) 1.50 Holby City (S)(R) 2.50 This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Planet's Funniest Animals 6.20 Emmerdale 9.30 Coronation Street 11.45 The X Factor: Top 10 Best Auditions 12.45 Take Me Out 1.55 FILM: Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) (PG) 2.55 FYI Daily 3.00 FILM: Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) (PG) 3.40 The X Factor: Top 10 Worst Auditions 4.45 FILM: The Smurfs 2 (2013) (U) 5.50 FYI Daily 5.55 FILM: The Smurfs 2 (2013) (U) 6.55 FILM: The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (2013) (12) 7.55 FYI Daily 8.00 FILM: The Desolation of Smaug (2013) (12) Concluded. 10.00 Family Guy 11.30 American Dad! 12.30 Bordertown 12.55 The Cleveland Show 1.50 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records 2.15 Teleshopping 5.45 ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Movies Now 6.10 Heidi 8.00 Heartbeat 10.00 Inspector Morse 12.20 A Touch of Frost 2.25 Wycliffe 3.40 FILM: The Railway Children (1970) (U) 4.40 FYI Daily 4.45 FILM: The Railway Children (1970) (U) 5.55

Doc Martin 8.00 Royal Stories 9.00 Million Dollar Princesses 10.00 FILM: Elizabeth: The Golden Age (2007) (12) Historical drama sequel, starring Cate Blanchett. 11.00 FYI Daily 11.05 FILM: Elizabeth: The Golden Age (2007) (12) Concluded. 12.20 Wire in the Blood 3.05 May the Best House Win 4.50 Rising Damp 5.40 ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

1.00 Olympics 2016. 4.00 Olympics 2016. 7.00 Olympics 2016. Featuring golf, track cycling and diving. 10.00 Olympics 2016. Hockey, weightlifting and beach volleyball. 2.00 Britain on Film: End of Empire 2.30 Sounds of the Sixties 3.00 The Pendle Witch Child 4.00 Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Baby Daddy 6.45 How I Met Your Mother 7.35 The Goldbergs 8.30 Made in Chelsea: South of France 9.30 Hollyoaks 12.00 Coach Trip: Road to Ibiza 2.35 The Goldbergs 4.30 FILM: Journey to the Center of the Earth (2008) (PG) 6.30 The Big Bang Theory 9.00

FILM: Aliens (1986) (18) Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Sigourney Weaver. 12.05 Tattoo Fixers on Holiday 1.10 Gogglebox 2.00 Containment 2.50 Angie Tribeca 3.10 New Girl 3.30 Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Kirstie's Vintage Gems 9.25 Jamie's 15 Minute Meals 9.50 Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb 10.55 Phil Spencer's Stately Homes 11.55 Come Dine with Me 2.40 Four in a Bed 5.15 Come Dine with Me 8.00 Amazing Spaces Shed of the Year 9.00 Father Ted 10.05 Jon Richardson: Nidiot 11.10 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown 12.15 24 Hours in A&E 1.20 Amazing Spaces Shed of the Year 2.25 Phil Spencer's Stately Homes 3.30 Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Porridge (1979) (PG) 1.00 Rango (2011) (PG) 3.10 The House of Magic (2013) (U) 4.50 Mirror Mirror (2012) (PG) 6.55 The Tourist (2010) (12) 9.00 This Is England (2006) (18) Drama set in the 1980s, starring Thomas Turgoose. 11.05 Savages (2012) (15) Crime

drama, starring Aaron Taylor-Johnson and Taylor Kitsch. 1.40 The Enigma of Kaspar Hauser (1974) (PG) 3.55 Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.10 Trawlermen 8.00 Top Gear 11.00 Red Bull Soapbox Race 12.00 Motorway Cops 2.00 American Pickers 5.00 Top Gear 7.00 Top Gear Winter Olympics Special 8.00 Top Gear Botswana Special 9.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You 10.00 Suits 11.00 Parks and Recreation 12.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You 1.00 Would I Lie to You? 1.40 Mock the Week 2.20 QI 2.50 Suits 3.40 The Indestructibles 4.00 Close

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Hour of Power 7.00 Monkey Life 8.00 Modern Family 9.00 Futurama 11.00 WWE: Raw 12.00 Suicide Squad: Special 12.30 Ninja Warrior Women Tournament 1.00 Don't Tell the Bride 2.00 Four Weddings 3.00 Battle of the Brides 4.00 Modern Family 6.00 The Simpsons 8.00 The Last Ship 9.00 Zoo 10.00 Ross Kemp: Extreme World 11.00 Stop,

Search, Seize 12.00 The Force: Manchester 1.00 Hawaii Five-O 4.00 Border Security: Canada's Front Line 5.00 Motorway Patrol

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 The Guest Wing 7.00 Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer 8.00 The West Wing 1.00 David Attenborough's Conquest of the Skies 2.00 Without a Trace 6.00 Cold Case 9.00 Band of Brothers 11.30 Ray Donovan 12.40 The Jinx: The Life and Deaths of Robert Durst 3.25 Without a Trace 4.15 The Guest Wing 5.05 Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer

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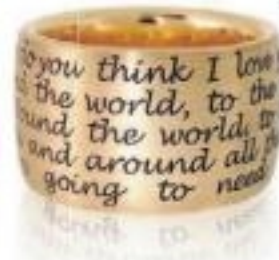
6.05 Passport Patrol 6.30 Bondi Rescue 8.30 EastEnders 11.00 My Dream Home 3.00 Doctor Who 6.40 Outnumbered 8.00 Beauty and the Beast 9.00 Sherlock 11.00 Who Do You Think You Are? USA 12.00 Traffic Cops 1.00 Being Human USA 1.45 Who Do You Think You Are? USA 2.30 Doctor Who: The Doctors Revisited 3.00 Home Shopping

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ENTERTAINMENT & LISTINGS

Showcasing the Best of Bublé

'BEAUTIFUL Day', 'Haven't Met You Yet' and 'Everything' will be among the iconic Bublé tunes performed at The Old Chequers in Thatcham on Friday, August 26.

'Best of Bublé' stars Michael Bublé tribute act Tom Cary, who travels up and down the country to perform not just tunes sung by the famous Canadian, but also to showcase some of swing's most iconic and popular tracks.

And Beaconsfield-born Tom revealed that he might have a surprise or two in store when he plays his gig in Thatcham.

"I always try and incorporate new songs into my sets each time I perform," he told the Observer.

"And with a venue such as The Old Chequers where I perform month to month on a regular basis, it is always good to keep it fresh and new.

"Don't get me wrong, it's still a Michael Bublé swing night, but I sometimes throw in a curve ball song that no-one expects to keep the regulars on their toes."

Tom has only worked as a Michael Bublé tribute act for the past 12 months, undertaking a number of free and paid gigs across the UK.

He is due to do 34 more gigs this year, but this number is due to rise

By James Richings

due to the ever-growing popularity of his performance.

Tom revealed that he has yet to meet the popular musician, but did see him perform live at the O2 Arena back in 2014.

However, when his is not performing to an appreciative crowd, Tom is busking - something which he believes is the perfect practice for any musician.

"It makes my whole evening and what I do in general so much more exciting and rewarding when I perform to audiences that appreciate it," Tom added.

"Sometimes you do get gigs where people are less receptive than others, but that only makes the good gigs better.

"I love what I do anyway and I'm privileged to do what I love as a job."

"And I would have to say the best advice I have ever had, not always lived by since I've started my work but what my father always said: 'the harder you work, the luckier you get'.

"This is so true and I always stand by it in everything I do."

The free gig will start at 9pm. For more information, go to Tom's website: bestofbuble.co.uk.



• Tom Cary

Covers from NRG

LIVE MUSIC: Father and son duo NRG will perform a host of cover tunes at The Falkners Arms in Fleet on Saturday, August 13.

The Aldershot musicians will perform songs from the likes of Simon & Garfunkel, Cat Stevens and Bob Dylan during the evening.

The free gig starts at 9pm.

Chipmunks fun

FILM SCREENING: Last year's family-fun movie 'Alvin and the Chipmunks: Road Chip' will be screened at Tadley Community Centre on Wednesday, August 17.

Starring Jason Lee, Anna Faris, Justin Long and Christina Applegate, the movie is the eighth of the franchise.

It costs £1.50 and the film starts at 2pm.

The Turn in town

LIVE MUSIC: Popular covers band The Turn will be performing at the Fox and Hounds in Fleet on Friday, August 19.

The foursome, who regularly gig in the south of England, will showcase some of the most popular tunes from Thin Lizzy, Jimi Hendrix, AC/DC and more.

The free gig starts at 9pm.

Autumn at The Anvil

AFTER a very busy 12 months of gigs, comedy and musicals, what does the The Anvil have in store for its 2016/17 season?

The Basingstoke theatre has revealed their autumn line-up, which will begin on Saturday, September 24 when The Big Chris Barber Band arrives in town.

Fronted by Chris Barber OBE, who is regarded as one of the most respectable jazz musicians in British history, the night will see the 86-year-old along with his reliable group perform a mix of New Orleans, blues and 1920s Ellington tunes.

Five days later, another big music spectacle will head to Basingstoke as popular musical 'The Magic of Motown' comes to town.

This year is the 10th anniversary of the musical, which will see iconic songs from the likes of The Supremes, Temptations, Jackson 5, Isley Brothers, Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye, Diana Ross, Lionel Richie and more all being performed.

October kicks off with the Basingstoke Variety Show on Saturday, October 1.

The annual event is to celebrate the town's talent with over 300 performers taking part on the day.

The event is in aid of the Mayor's Charity Appeal.

By James Richings

October will also see Jimmy Carr perform a set at the Churchill Way venue.

The 43-year-old comic, known for his '8 out of 10 Cats' presenting duties, returns to Basingstoke with his 'The Best Of, Ultimate, Gold, Greatest Hits' tour - his 10th since 2003.

Another popular music show coming to Basingstoke this autumn is Queen tribute Killer Queen, which arrives at The Anvil on Thursday, November 24.

The band, who are regarded as one of the best Queen tribute bands in the world, will perform some of the group's most recognisable tunes such as, 'I Want To Break Free', 'One Vision', and 'Don't Stop Me Now'.

The final month of the year will see The Anvil's annual pantomime staged, with 'Sleeping Beauty' being this year's production running from Thursday, December 8 to Monday, January 2.

For further information about the new line-up, visit anvilarts.org.uk.



• The Magic Motown is at The Anvil on Thursday, September 29

The Anvil's autumn programme:

SEPTEMBER

- Saturday, September 24: The Big Chris Barber Band
- Thursday, September 29: The Magic of Motown

OCTOBER

- Saturday, October 1: Basingstoke Variety Show 2016
- Sunday, October 2: 10cc
- Thursday, October 6: Petula Clark - 'From Now On'
- Friday, October 7: The Whitney Houston Show
- Sunday, October 8: The Illegal Eagles
- Wednesday, October 12: Peter and Dan Snow
- Friday, October 14: Elaine Page
- Sunday, October 16: London Philharmonic Orchestra
- Friday, October 21: The Solid Gold Rock 'N' Roll Show
- Saturday, October 22: The Hollies
- Sunday, October 23: Aida
- Monday, October 25: Jimmy Carr
- Tuesday, October 26: The RAF in Concert
- Wednesday, October 27: Down to Earth - An Evening with Monty Don
- Thursday, October 28: The ELO Experience
- Friday, October 29: Heaven 17 and special guests British Electric Foundation
- Saturday, October 30: Milos: Bach to Beatles

NOVEMBER

- Wednesday, November 2: The Catherine Tate Show
- Thursday, November 3: Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra
- Saturday, November 5: Maximum R'n'B
- Tuesday, November 8: Kevin Bloody Wilson
- Friday, November 11: The Sons of Pitches
- Saturday, November 12: Basingstoke Symphony Orchestra
- Thursday, November 17: Bowie Experience
- Friday, November 18: Professor Brian Cox Live
- Saturday, November 19: Philharmonia Orchestra
- Sunday, November 20: The Shires
- Wednesday, November 23: Beyond the Barricade
- Thursday, November 24: Killer Queen
- Friday, November 25: Simply Gershwin
- Saturday, November 26: Eliza Carthy and The Wayward Band
- Sunday, November 27: Basingstoke Choral Society
- Tuesday, November 29: Josh Widdicombe
- Wednesday, November 30: Zurich Chamber Orchestra

DECEMBER

- Tuesday, December 8 - Monday, January 2: Sleeping Beauty
- Wednesday, December 21: Sleeping Beauty Relaxed Performance

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Fri, Aug 12 - Tue, Aug 16

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THE very popular Mazda3 range has been recently boosted with the introduction of a new horse in Mazda's stable – in the form of the Mazda3 Sport Black Special Edition.

The Sport Black has been given 'The Full Monty' by Mazda with the introduction of dynamic lines, 18-inch dark gunmetal alloy wheels, front splitter, side skirts and an in your face roof spoiler. If that was not enough to get you reaching for your savings account – then maybe what will be the fact that Mazda has also limited production to just 800 examples.

POWER AND EFFICIENCY

The Sport Black is powered by a 2.0 litre Petrol engine with 120hp and 210Nm of torque. The engine revs easily and is very lively and responsive. Okay, I would have liked a bit more power – but it's still enough to help the Sport Black get a shift on 'Hot Hatch Style'. Top speed also comes in at 121mph with a time of 8.9sec and a combined fuel economy of 55.4mpg.

ON THE ROAD:

Mazda have always got it just right when it comes to a car's ability on the road, and my recent test of the brilliant CX-3 proves that Mazda know how to make a car perform. Also, if you have ever driven an MX-5, then you will know what I mean. On the road, the Sport Black is controlled and precise. Add in the massive amount of feedback you also get from all four corners at any given moment, and you get the confidence of a sure footed ride.

INTERIOR & TECHNOLOGY:

Inside, the Sport Black is tailor-made with exclusive black half leather/half suede seats which are very good at supporting your back and posture. In fact, the last time I sat in a seat this good was in a

By **Anthony Yates**

Bentley. The controls are also easy to reach and Mazda's attention to detail on the interior surfaces is second to none.

Then of course there's the very generous standard equipment like; a Bose surround-sound system, reversing camera, smart keyless entry, cruise control and dual-zone climate control and Mazda's MZD-Connect system, 7" colour touchscreen display and multimedia commander with integrated navigation all as standard.

SAFETY:

Additions such as; smart city brake support, lane departure warning system, dual front, side and curtain airbags along with anti-lock braking and dynamic stability control which includes traction control.

TO SUM UP:

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Deadly Danson on form with two goals for GB

Sport Bites

Bounty men claim fourth win in five matches

A SUPERB knock from Craig Williamson inspired Basingstoke and North Hants to another win in the Southern Premier Division 1 on Saturday.

The Bounty men's opening batsman came within six runs of a century as his side successfully passed Rowledge's score with just eight balls remaining to win by seven wickets.

Basingstoke's performances with the bat have been much better this season in comparison to other years, and they had to be again after being set a run target of 203 at the Recreation Ground.

The hosts got off to the worst possible start as Nick Morant went for a golden duck with the very first delivery from Martyn James.

But they settled reasonably well after that, with both Joe Randall registering scores of 32 and Sam Moseley reaching 50, before he was removed by Mitch Stokes (3-21).

Rowledge's tail order then got barely anything on the board to give Basingstoke the impetus as they started their innings.

With an in-form Williamson leading the line, it seemed inevitable that the visitors would claim the win after that.

And despite Sushant Balajee cruelly depriving the opener of a well-earned century, Richard Vinn (44) and William Phillips (17) then combined well to get their side across the line.

The Bounty men are next in action this Saturday, when they will host Portsmouth.

ALEX Danson has done Odiham proud after she scored twice in two days to mark a sensational start to the Olympics.

The hockey star scored in both of Great Britain's opening games in Rio on Sunday and Monday to help her side to impressive wins over Australia and India.

By Christian Wilson

Looking to improve on her bronze medal in London four years ago, the 31-year-old has so far demonstrated all of the finishing prowess that has made her one of the best forwards in the game.

And GB could hardly have

sent out a stronger message in the opening game on Sunday, as they emerged with a 2-1 win over the world number three Hockeyroos.

In truth, Danny Kerry's side had man of the match Maddie Hinch to thank for the eye-catching win, as the goalkeeper pulled off save after save to hand her side the three points.

Shortly after Hinch bravely saved an Emily Smith drive with her face mask, Danson had her side's first shot mid way through the first quarter – running through the Australia defence, before firing at goalkeeper Rachael Lynch.

And after two more outstanding Hinch blocks, GB took the lead four minutes before the break as Lily Owsley fired home from a Sophie Bray pass.

Three minutes into the start of the third period Australia were level though, as Georgina Morgan struck a drag flick into the top corner.

But with the Hockeyroos looking the more likely, a moment of magic from Danson won the match, as she drew Lynch out of her goal, and then somehow found a gap to fire home with her backhand on the spin.

The following night's tie with India proved to be a much more comfortable affair, with Hinch this time having barely anything to do at all, as her team-mates ran away with it.

A lovely piece of skill by Danson nearly broke the deadlock early on, but her backhand shot was not quite diverted in by Bray from above her head.

And after dominating the early exchanges, it came as no surprise when GB opened the scoring on 25 minutes through Giselle Ansley's precise drag flick.

Just two minutes later and it was 2-0, as good work from Danson and Bray set up Nicola White to prod home from close range.

The Odiham forward was then handed her second goal of the tournament and international goal number 95 on a plate in the third quarter – this time Owsley doing all the work to cross for Danson to tap in a simple finish.

And while she came within a whisker of claiming her third Rio goal in the final quarter, it wasn't to matter, as Danson and co saw the game out to leave them top of the pool on maximum points.

GB were playing their third game against Argentina yesterday as the Observer went to press.



• Alex Danson (right) has had a superb start to the Olympics (picture by GB Hockey)

Collard one round away from title win

RICKY Collard is now just one round of races away from sealing the British F3 championship after a superb weekend at Snetterton.

The Hook driver finished at the top of the podium in two of the three races at the Norfolk track to move 15 points clear of his rivals at the top of the standings.

Collard's title momentum looked to have gone four weeks earlier in the previous round at Spa Francorchamps, as a below par set of results saw his lead cut to four points.

But seven days after seeing dad Rob move to the top of the British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) after finishing

second at the same track, the 20-year-old will now go into the season finale at Donington Park on September 10 firmly in the driving seat.

He said: "I've managed to get the bragging rights over my dad! "It's been one of those weekends where everything has fallen into place perfectly."

"People have been asking how we've done it but there isn't just one thing, it's an accumulation of things and both the team and myself haven't folded under pressure."

Collard started the weekend in perfect fashion, as he registered a better time than title rival Matheus Leist to qualify on pole. And the Carlin driver repeated

the feat the following day to win race one, before then bouncing back from a seventh-placed finish in race two to incredibly beat Leist yet again.

He added: "There is another weekend to go and another three races so that is quite scary."

"Hopefully we can be there right at the end."

"I don't know how I am going to keep calm until then but I am going on holiday tomorrow and I will spend my time, not being unfocused, but taking my mind off it for a little bit."



• Ricky Collard celebrates (picture by britishf3.com)

Early epee exit

FENCING: Basingstoke-born epee fencer Leonora Mackinnon exited the Olympics on Saturday after being beaten by silver medallist Rossella Flamingo in the last 32.

The 22-year-old, who was the youngest fencer in the field in Rio, beat Simona Pop from Romania 15-10 earlier in the day to set up a clash with the reigning world champion.

But Mackinnon, representing Canada, lost her second fight 15-8 to Flamingo to exit the competition early.

Hook golfer Justin Rose will start his bid to win Olympic gold later today, when he will tee-off for the first of four potential rounds over four days at the Rio de Janeiro Olympic Golf Course.

Scottish return

MOTORSPORT: Rob Collard will return to British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) action keen to continue his momentum this Saturday.

The Hook racer currently sits three points clear of West Surrey Racing (WSR) team-mate Sam Tordoff at the top of the standings, going into the weekend's meet at Knockhill.

Despite missing out on his third race win of the season, Collard had another strong weekend last time out at Snetterton, as he claimed a second and fourth-place finish.

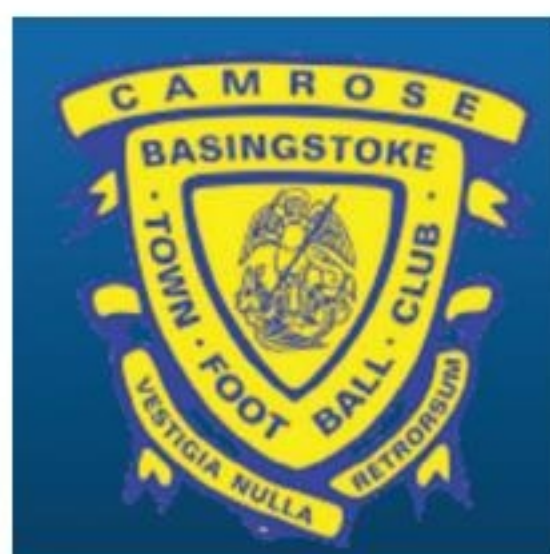
Streak goes on

CRICKET: Hook and Newnham Basics claimed their seventh win in eight matches on Saturday to boost their Southern League Division 1 title hopes.

A fantastic score of 94 not out from opener Harry Warner helped the visitors set a batting target of 257-7 from their 50 overs at rivals Liphook and Ripsley.

And despite Giles Cover's 102, Aniket Divecha (3-41) helped Hook remove the hosts for 251, to hand them a nail biting six run victory.

Meanwhile, Hartley Wintney's miserable season in Division 2 continued as Danny Plume's 75 wasn't enough to stop them losing by 53 runs to Paultons.



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DISASTROUS START FOR NEW LOOK 'STOKE SIDE

BASINGSTOKE Town have suffered the worst possible start to life in the Evo-Stik Southern Premier after losing both of their first two matches.

Tipped by many as one of the promotion favourites following last year's relegation from the National League South, Town were handed a wake up call on the opening day as they lost 1-0 at home to Banbury United on Saturday.

But worse was to follow on Tuesday night as Terry Brown's side were dominated for the whole 90 minutes in an embarrassing 4-0 loss to Merthyr Town in South Wales.

The 'Stoke boss had predicted before the weekend's curtain raiser that it might take his new-look side a few games to gel after bringing 14 different players to the club over the summer.

But the Basingstoke faithful could have been forgiven for expecting a little bit more than what was shown during their side's harrowing visit to

By **Christian Wilson**

face the Martyrs at the Cigg-Stadium.

After seeing both Aaron Jarvis and captain David Ray spurn decent chances early on, the visitors found themselves a goal down at the break, as Scott Barrow beat keeper Alex Tokarczyk.

Merthyr claimed a superb second in the 76th minute through forward Ian Traylor, who collected the ball 25 yards out, beat two players and then curled an effort into the corner.

Basingstoke fell apart after that, with Joe Gater scoring a comical own goal two minutes later by massively miscuing a back pass to Tokarczyk from 30 yards into his own net.

And a fourth duly followed in the final minute of normal time from the impressive Traylor, who once again waltzed into the box and fired home.

The 'Stoke's opening day defeat to Banbury three days earlier

was much less comprehensive, but no less disappointing for those that filed into the Ark Cancer Charity Stadium for the season opener.

In their first game as a full-time club, Basingstoke were very poor in a first half that saw the Puritans come closest to scoring, as striker Ricky Johnson fired wide for the part-timers when played clean through.

But the electrician made no mistake when presented with a near identical chance on the hour mark, this time slotting the ball home, after being found in space by Zac McEachran's reverse pass.

Man of the match McEachran then rattled the Town crossbar with a dipping drive from the edge of the box, before finding Andy Gunn with a sumptuous cross a few minutes later that the United captain headed inches over.

And the winger ended the game as a contest in the final minute, as Tamile Roache brought him down to receive a second yellow card to cap a miserable day for 'Stoke.

Basingstoke are next in action on Saturday afternoon when they will travel to Warwickshire to face Stratford Town.



Defender Robert Atkinson was one of the few Basingstoke Town players to impress in Saturday's loss to Banbury United (picture by Daniel Murphy)

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